

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion and the discussion in the previously filed Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 9, 16, 20, and 22 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-3, 9, 16, 20, and 22 having been amended by way of the present Amendment. No new matter has been entered. Claims 4-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21, and 23-31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Applicants want to thank Primary Examiner Arthur Corbin for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Christopher Ward, during the personal interview conducted on September 18, 2007. The amendments to Claim 1 set forth herein are believed to directly reflect the changes to Claim 1 discussed during the interview, which were agreed to place Claim 1 into condition for allowance. The previous Amendment sets forth the arguments for the allowability of the claims.

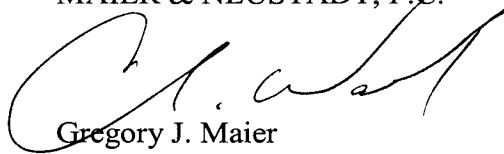
In addition to the amendments discussed during the interview, the Applicants have also amended Claims 20 and 22 to correspond to the language changes made in Claim 1. No new matter has been entered. For example, Figure 2 clearly depicts the subject matter recited in Claim 20, and Figures 1, 4, and 11 clearly depict the subject matter recited in Claim 22.

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Consequently, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. If the examiner believes that additional changes are needed to place the application into condition for allowance, then the Applicants invite the examiner to contact the undersigned representatives via telephone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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